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Dear Mr. Glickman:

I am contacting you to express my great concern of the possibility that foods that have been genetically altered and engineered may reach the marketplace without being properly labeled so that consumers can make informed choices.

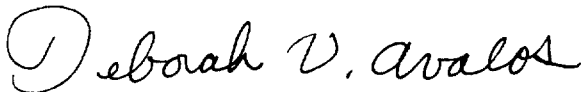
Therefore, I would strongly urge you to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the following products are clearly labeled:

1. Genetically engineered foods
2. Products that contain genetically engineered foods

Science isn't certain that these foods are safe for either short term or long term use. Until that question is answered with 100 percent certainty, I urge you to use your good offices to ensure that I can make an informed choice when I shop for food to feed my family.

I would appreciate hearing from you with whatever steps you can take to ensure that this happens. My health, and my family's health is of prime concern to me.

Sincerely,



Deborah V. Avalos

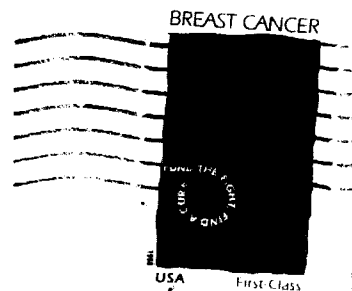
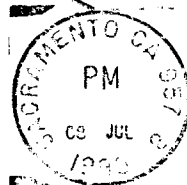
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